Chapter 7
Nephilim

Ow!
Ouch!
What's that?! It stings!
It's nothing! I'll be fine!
Even though it's small, it could get infected, Abel.
You were very lucky to escape those armed bandits with only a scrape.
Does it hurt anywhere else?
No...

Hmm?
What's this here...?
GASP
はっ
It's where Oliy kissed me.
Did he bite my neck...?
He was acting weird...

He said it was my fault...
He came to save me, but he got so violent it scared me...
I'm to blame...
But then...
BANG
Lorraine, it's your turn to make dinner.
TH THUMP

SLAM
Well, time to cook!
Oh, God ...
CRINGE
KICK
I forgot.
Oh. ...
Here you go
Are you OK?!
Right in the family jewels...
?
I haven't been yet. It's not fair.
Ha ha ha!
You've been bad to her.
I'm sorry about yesterday. It must have been scary for you.

Since I was born a Nephilim, I've been hunted by humans. I've always been in danger.
What are you talking about?
I'm sorry I put you in danger.
What?
TH THUMP
LoGuE...
We created LoGuE to change all that.
That reminds me of a question I've been wanting to ask...
If I put you in danger on a LoGuE operation, it's like adding insult to injury.
Are you doing this to atone for what your people have done to us?
...but instead organized a group to give relief to the Nephilim.
You traveled for a long time to rescue your mother. After you saved her, you didn't want to return home to be with her..

Atone? Well...
I'm a member of the Royal Family, and they've overseen the killing of Nephilim. My blood is full of sin.
I thought it might be a good idea to spend the rest of my life atoning for that.
WHACK
SPEW
What was *that* for?
Why be mean to me now?
Is this really *you*?
What's with all this "for the rest of my life" and "atoning" talk?
You're creeping me out. You weren't like this before.

You'll sacrifice yourself for a purpose.
Yes, that's just like you.
But your purpose was a positive one before.
You went into your enemy's fort alone.
And you jumped off that falling tower.
You did it because you wanted to save the people you loved.
You weren't talking about making up for something
You're no fun anymore, either.
You were always joking around and laughing.
What happened to you in the past year?

You...
You were chasing me around with a knife a year ago.
Did you give up on killing me?

"I WANTED TO BE YOUR HUSBAND."
TH-THUMP
I don't have to kill you anymore. The Curse is gone.
Besides...
TH-THUMP
THIS IS IT! THIS IS YOUR CHANCE!
ABEL, "I LOVE YOU."
TH-THUMP
BE MY HUSBAND.
TREMBLE
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I HAVE TO SAY IT.
I HAVE TO SAY IT!
I'M SORRY ABOUT LORAINE...
...BUT GUY DEFINITELY SAID HE WANTED TO BE MY HUSBAND.
DON'T HESITATE!
DON'T WAIT. I'VE GOT TO TELL HIM!

Be...
Be my...
My...
My...
Guy!

Hus...
Are you in there, Prince?!
BANG
We have a new mission.
One of the guardians was just found dead in the private woods. There are numerous wolf bites on his body.
We can't locate the Nephilim child that was with him.
We need to find the child before the wolves do.
A Nephilim child is missing?!
Guardian Hoffman was transporting the child, Enoch, to another guardian in Kaizel.
They were supposed to stop here at LoGuE headquarters.
But they were attacked by wolves in the woods.

That child is alive.
He may already be dead. All we can do is search for him.
The child... do you think he has a chance out there?
I'm coming too.
We would't be killed by an animal so easily.
Nephilim live in the jungle. They coexist with the animals.

What can you humans do? You can't see in the dark.
Wow. I was wondering who this beautiful woman was.
No, Abel.
You were just injured...
Oh, it's you, Abel. Did the sun set already?
It would be bad if any humans came here and found only Nephilim. Haggard, you stay here with them.
Luca's still wounded, so she, Grandpa, and the kid are staying home.
Edidia!
Good point. I'm coming also.
Well, somebody accompany Abel and search in a different direction than the others.
I guess I can't stop any of you.
Oh! I'll go with—
You're the slowest runner.
Why me?!
POINT

Why is that?
To balance the power.
I'm going with Abel.
Don't turn into a wolf yourself.
That's not like you. Relax.
We get along well. That's all.
バタン
KA-THUNK
Oh, my!

I wanted to go with her, but he beat me to the punch.
Huh?
Some nerve to talk like that in front of a partner.
You're right. So who's the bad one here?
Both of them are being really possessive.
I'm talking about you.
GHI GHI GHI
Oh! Of course, I have a wife! Sorry!
Yes!
Hmph
He said we get along well! Heh heh.
Yeah! Yeah! Yeah!

Your stride.
Your gentle voice.
It's true! And I know you very well, too.
How your fingers grip your weapons.

I'll do my best to be useful to you.
I'll always be with you.

Let's go!
DASH
So that you'll want me as yours, forever.
Guy!
?!

I'll scout from up here.
Ouch!
THUMP
RUSTLE
We have a saying... "If you're lost in the jungle, look for a stream."
Let's go that way.
I see a waterfall!
Oh, you do wear underwear.
Wow! You're sounding like your old self!

EEENOOOOOCH!!
Enoch!
DEEP BREATH
すー
Can you hear me, Enoch?!
FLAP FLAP
Whoa.
SHHHHH...
HOOOOOWL
オーン
Wow. Wolves are answering.
What frequency was that?
COUGH
Well, I don't think he's around here.
COUGH
If he's alive, I think he'd head here.
Where could he be...?

What is it?
A child's shoe!
SPLASH

There! There he is!
!

Wait!
We need to get up there and rescue him!
He's there! On the upper half of the cliff, on a ledge.
It's too dark. I can't see him.
He's slumped down... He might be unconscious.
It's an easy climb that way, but if we go around, it'll take at least an hour.
They came from the south. The cliff comes from that direction.
So?
It's an overhang.
The ledge juts out from the cliff, you can't climb all the way up.
An hour?!
CLATTER
Then... how did he get up there? Did he fall from the top?

We don't have much time...
That ledge looks fragile...
I don't know how long he can last up there.
I guess we have no choice.

I didn't want to put you in danger again, but....
We'll climb the cliff together.
And just under the ledge...
...I'll toss you up over the edge.

Good idea.
TOGETHER, WE'VE BEEN IN DANGER BEFORE...
Ready?
Yeah.
Step up on my hand.
This is as high as we can climb.
...AND WE'VE ALWAYS MADE IT THROUGH.

One.
Two.
Three!
STEP
Go!
I BELIEVE!

GRAB
...
Uhh
...
I can't give up. If I give up now...
...I can't be Guy's wife!
We'll make it through again!

Unh!
Pant...
Pant...
Ahh...
We did it!
...

Abel!
I'm counting on you.
I'll climb around and get close to you.
OK!

Enoch!
Enoch! I'm here to help you!

TREMBLE
TREMBLE
OK...
It'll be...
Ugh...
Hang in there...
Just..
TUG
DRAG
Huh...?
Where... ...am I?
What ...?
!
You're conscious!

That's great!
Abel!
Move to where you can see me!
Then lower the kid down to me!
I'll get you down after him.
Hang on!
I'm coming!

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GROOOWL
Abel...!

Abel!!
JUMP

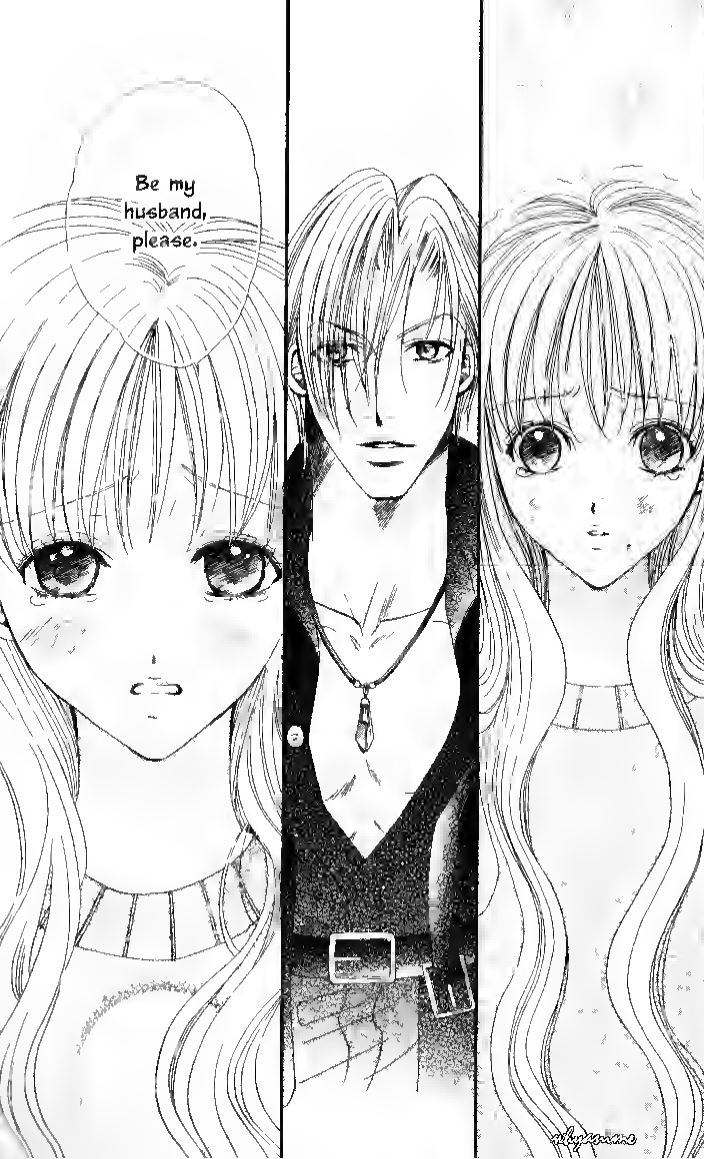
HH
HH
HH
SLIDE
THUD
KH

GRAB
THUD
CLATTER
CLATTER
CLATTER
CLOMP

YEL-

You did it...
You really did it...
You're OK now...
Good girl...
SWISH
Every-thing's going to be all right.
Abel...?

I love you.
Marry me...


Be my husband, please.

Guy!
Abel!
You found the boy! How is he?!
...
Let's go down.
The child's fine.
A little scraped up...
...but he'll sleep soundly for a while.

Aah.
Abel...
By the way, how did you find him so fast?
That's good news.
...
What's wrong?
!
DRIIIP

Cough!
Cough!
Cough!
Cough!
Guy!
!
Your medicine!
POP
GULP

PANT
PANT
PANT

Yes.
I know all about you.
Your lungs are still damaged.
They were permanently damaged when that tower collapsed around you.
Any further impact to the chest could be fatal.
You should take things easy be more careful.
But you know how he is. He can't sit still...
That... that scared me...
Just an old wound?
You're crazy. You need to rest.

...but you never listen.
I don't want to scold you...
Even though you are my fiancé.
Sorry.
Tonight, I'll be sure to listen to the reprimands from my doctor and lover.

I KNOW YOU.

HOW YOUR FINGERS GRIP YOUR WEAPONS.

YOUR STRIDE. YOUR GENTLE VOICE.

BUT I DON'T KNOW THIS MAN STANDING IN FRONT OF ME NOW.

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